

news & notes

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'Memphis Belle' arrives at National Museum of the United States Air Force

The B-17F "Memphis Belle," the 8th Air Force's first heavy bomber to complete 25 successful bombing missions and to return to the United

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States, was moved to the National Museum of the United States Air Force, under the terms of an agreement between the Memphis Belle

Memorial Association and the U.S. Air Force. The aircraft arrived at the museum in early October.

The Belle, which is currently in the museum's restoration hangar in Area B of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, is being prepared to undergo several years of restoration work.

Once restoration work begins, the public will be invited to view the aircraft as part of the museum's Behind the Scenes Tours (see "To Register"), or you can follow the

progress online at <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/res/restore.htm>.



Restoration work on the B-17F "Memphis Belle" is expected to take several years. (U.S. Air Force photo by Jeff Fisher)

Disney art exhibit to open Dec. 13

A special exhibit that showcases more than 50 of Walt Disney's original World War II insignia designs opens Dec. 13 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. The exhibit will be displayed through June 11, 2006.

Located in the museum's Hall of Honor, "Disney Pins on Wings" includes the original Walt Disney Productions insignia designs as well as selected examples of Disney-influenced materials from the museum's own collection. Included among these items will be WWII flight jackets with Disney-designed insignia and original Desert Storm inspired nose art sections from six B-52Gs.

"The exhibit will be the largest collection of original Walt Disney insignia artworks ever placed on public display," said Senior Curator Terry Aitken.

The "Disney Pins on Wings" exhibit opens Dec. 13. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day) (U.S. Air Force photo by Jeff Fisher)



Tickets sold out for Dec. 17 concert

Tickets are no longer available for the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight's Holiday Concert on Dec. 17 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Guests with tickets are asked to be seated by 7:15 p.m. on the night of the concert. Those who arrive without tickets will be placed on a waiting list. If any seats are empty at 7:20 p.m., those listed on the waiting list will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Band of Flight will perform seven concerts in 2006. Concerts are scheduled for Feb. 11 (Hearts, Heritage and Heroes Concert), March 11, April 8, May 20 (Glenn Miller Tribute), Sept. 23, Nov. 11 (Veterans' Day Concert) and Dec. 16 (Holiday Concert). All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., except the Glenn Miller Tribute, which begins at 6 p.m. For additional information about the 2006 Band of Flight concert series, please call (937) 255-8046, Ext. 495.

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Dec. 9 • Behind the Scenes Tour
Dec. 10 • Family Day
Jan. 13 & 20 • Behind the Scenes Tour
Jan. 21 • Family Day
Jan. 25 • Wings & Things Guest Lecture Series
Feb. 10 & 17 • Behind the Scenes Tour
Feb. 11 • USAF Band of Flight Concert
Feb. 18 • Family Day

For a complete list of museum events, please visit <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/pa/06events.pdf>.